



New Seeding procedures and lane assignment for first round at World Championships and World Indoor Championships

World Athletics Competition Commission approved the use of World Ranking for seeding purposes in World Athletics Championships and World Athletics Indoor Championships with immediate effect.

This allows distributions based on real values of the athletes on a one year's basis, achieving both a fair and an athletically appealing outcome.

Slight temperaments considering special situations like Defending Champion or World Record Holder or athletes currently with best 3 (three) performances in the Qualification period but not ranked may be applied.

The ranking based on principles listed above (named COMPETITION RANKING) shall be considered for the distribution of athletes in heats of the first round in any first round of all races run completely or partially in lanes.

The above system will also be used for all subsequent rounds in 800m.

The same Competition Ranking will also be used for assignments of lanes in any first round by application of the drawing system as per Technical Rules 20.4.3, 20.4.4-45.2 and 20.4.5-45.2. This means that a random draw will no more be applied for the above competitions.

The procedures for drawing up a Competition Ranking are listed below.

Seeds are based on:

- a. World Rankings
- b. WA Special Seed
- c. Athletes with no World Rankings

Seed Ground

1 World Rankings 1st

2 World Rankings 2nd

3 World Rankings 3rd

4 WA Seed 1

5 World Rankings 4th

6 World Rankings 5th

7 WA Seed 2

8 World Rankings 6th

9 World Rankings 7th

10 WA Seed 3

... by World Rankings position

... by Top List based on SB

... by Top List based on PB

... by country and surname

Rules:

a. World Rankings

1. Seeding order determined by the athletes World Rankings position on the last rankings published before the competition in the corresponding Event Group of the actual event.

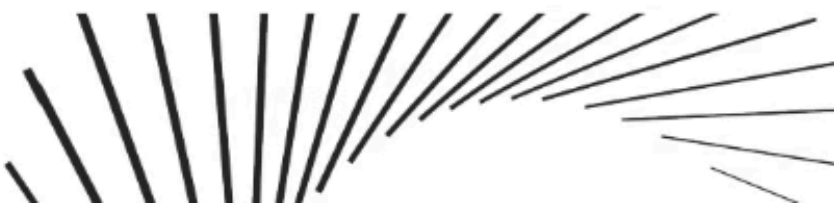
b. WA Special Seed

1. Up to 3 athletes per event can be seeded to the 4th, 7th, 10th position.

2. WA Special Seeds not compulsory, possible seeds can be from 0 to 3.

3. WA Special Seeds can be allocated to one of the following:

- Defending Champion



- World Record Holder
- Current Top List 1-3

Defending champion, World Record holder and Top List special seeds are considered only based on the relevant Main Event.

4. Maximum one WA Special Seed can be any participating athlete by exceptional circumstances

5. It is WA's own discretion to use any of the 3 seed positions in any order.

6. If any of the Special WA seeds are not used (seed 4-7-10) then everything below moves up accordingly.

c. Athletes with no World Rankings

1. Athletes with no World Rankings positions are seeded first based on their SB in the event concerned, then their PB if no SB available. If no PB or SB available, then the order is determined by country code and then surname of the athlete.

